**National Highways in Gujarat**

1007. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has requested for upgradation of Mandvi-Nalia-Narayan Sarovar road into National Highway;

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to the request; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) 26 proposals for declaration of State roads as National Highways in Gujarat, including the said proposal, had been received and have now been returned to the State Government in June, 2002 for review based on the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways. There is no proposal to declare any new National Highway in the country at present due to fund constraints. The Government may however, consider declaration of a few State Highways as National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan from amongst the modified proposals to be received from various States keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

**National Highways in U.P.**

1008. SHRI M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways sanctioned by Government for Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of the amount disbursed on National Highways in U.P. during this period;

(c) the number of NHs proposed to be opened/sanctioned by Government during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount sanctioned for each National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: